

REMARKS

Claims 4 - 8 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter therein. Claims 1-3 remain in this application. Claim 1 is amended to correct an obvious internal inconsistency between the preamble and the body of the claim. Claims 2 and 3 are amended to make them consistent with claim 1 from which they depend. Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments do not introduce new matter.

Entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the Application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly anticipated by Ruey-Zon Chen, United States Patent 5,778,752 ("Chen"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants' claim 1 defines a device for cutting (i.e. a saw) having a base part that supports a workpiece and that has a supporting member for a cutting member that cuts or saws a workpiece. The device of claim 1 further includes a means for simultaneously sloping or tilting the base and cutting member, together, in tandem, such that any arbitrary reference point on the cutting member maintains the same spatial relationship to an arbitrary reference point on the base. For example, if the blade is a planar circular blade, the plane of the planar face of the blade intersects the plane of the surface of the support at an angle that can be

maintained constant when the base is rotated. Thus, an elongated workpiece can be cut perpendicular to its long axis regardless of the angle or inclination of the base.

Chen describes a machine for cutting that also has a base and a cutting means. The base of Chen can be rotated. But when the base of Chen is rotated, the relative orientation of blade and base is changed and a miter cut results.

Because Chen does not disclose all of the elements of Applicants' claim 1, Chen does not anticipate claim 1. Because Chen does not anticipate claim 1, Chen cannot anticipate claims 2 and 3 that depend from claim 1.

Claims 1 -3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly obvious over Abraham B. Eastwood, United States Patent 2,249,814 ("Eastwood") in view of Chen. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Neither Eastwood nor Chen teach or suggest a means for inclining the base of a cutting machine to an angle that corresponds to an angle of inclination of the cutting means. Because Eastwood, alone or in combination with Chen, neither teaches nor suggests all of the limitations of Applicants claims 1 - 3, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.


Since the present application is a national stage application of a PCT application, the priority document was filed with the International Bureau. The Examiner is respectfully requested to obtain the priority document from the

PCT/designated office unit in the U.S. Patent Office and acknowledge receipt thereof in the next Office Action.

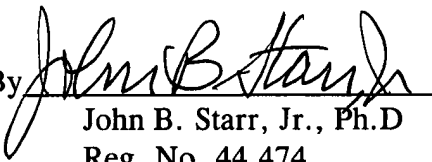
In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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